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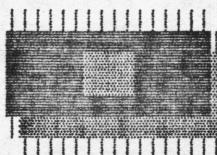
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VIEW FROM RAMTOP



Not much to report this month. I am sad to say that another fine TIMEXsinclair club has gone the way side. BoSTUG of The Boston Computer Society mailed out their last newsletter. They decided to break up the group for the same reasons any group would disband. We will surely miss them. Eight years ago BoSTUG was the major force in the establishment of the BCS according to Peter Hale, editor of the BoSTUG Newsletter. Peter states that the QL users have started an independent New England Sinclair QL User Group (NESQLUG) that will continue support in the area and produce a quarterly newsletter at the same address as before with a \$10.00 annual fee for membership. Contact is:

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THE WIDJUP Co. PART III (final)

I have enclosed my printed circuit board CAD program for SHAREWARE distribution throughout your membership groups and others. You be the judge about how an advanced application can be supported by the much maligned, but phoenix-like the TIMEXsinclair 2068.

CAD#3.B1 sidesteps around TIMEX barriers which many deny exist. All I can say is: "You mean I can't do THIS?". THIS is impressive!

When I made the ROM BYPASS and simple MEMORY BANK SWITCHING public domain, I included the design of the WIDJUP PRIMARY ADAPTER and a proposed standard for back-planes. This design completes the data required to add back-planes (and all the power that gives) to that inherently SUPERIOR computer.

Even without BANK SWITCHING or IBM BUSS COMPATIBILITY, all existing hardware can be simply adapted to plug in. New hardware, like half way decent parallel interfaces, can be made with two edges. One edge plugs in for the minimum bus configuration -- the other for IBM compatibility with BANK SWITCHING. The adaptor is compatible with existing hardware, but new products would better be consistent with the new standard.

For those who have tight budgets (or fists), the entire investment to implement a back-plane is less than \$90 for the minimum configuration. That for IBM compatibility will be somewhat more, but the savings through the use of clone boards makes that trivial.

The buss driver card is the only item not yet detailed. For the minimum system, all the design data has already been given.

The figures show both of the PRIMARY ADAPTER. These were generated using CAD#3.B1 using PUBLIC DOMAIN data files donated in the interests of TS2068 users everywhere. The board uses plated through hole technology. Though not recommended, the files can be edited to produce a "stitched" board with more holes and pads. Also possible is a single sided layout with many jumpers. Suit yourself.

The only active circuit on the board is the 74LS11 chip which completes address decoding for the TS2040 or modified ZX printer. This makes all the formerly interfering I/O addresses available for new uses.

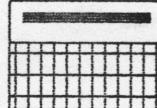
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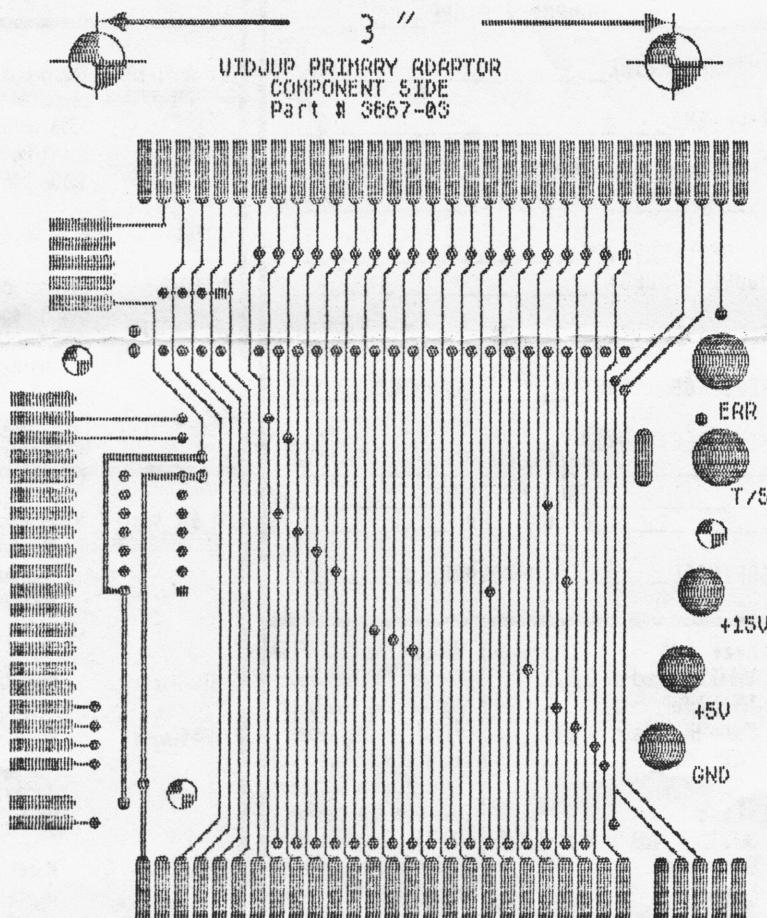
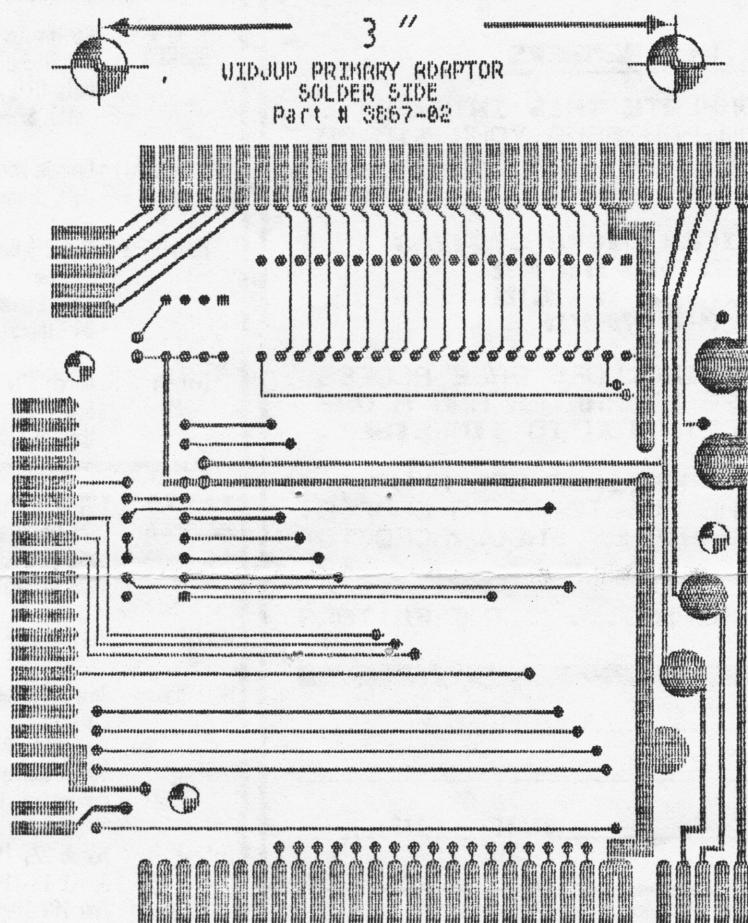
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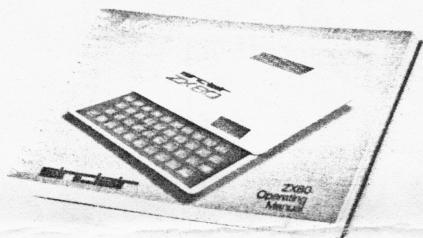
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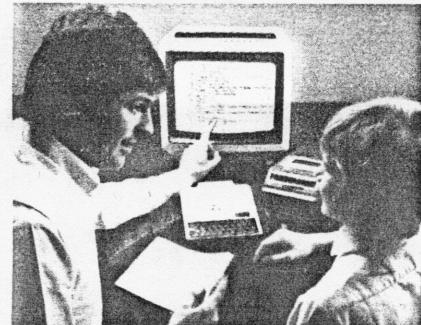
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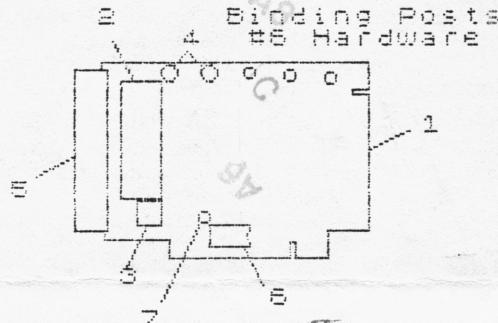
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